GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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EROSION DUE TO BRAHMAPUTRA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the Brahmaputra Boardto take up Rs. 400/- crore scheme to check erosion by Brahmaputra upstream of Dibrugarh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the scheme alongwith reasons for delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) A scheme prepared by State Governmentof Assam entitled "Protection Rohmaria area from the erosion of Brahmaputra at upstream of Dibrugarh town"with a n estimated cost o f Rs. 404.72 crore was sent to Central Water Commission (CWC) for examination. The scheme has been examined by CWCand comments sent t o the State Government in October, 2002 for compliance.

In this regard, a Team of Technical experts led by Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Water Resources visited Rohmaria area in April, 2002 and recommended to take up Ist Phase of the above scheme namely "Avulsion of Brahmaputra at Dholla Hathighuli" which has been approved by the Government of India at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.47 crore. The scheme is being executed by Brahmaputra Board for which more than 80% of work has been completed. Ministry of Water Resources has released Rs. 7.5 crore for the above work during 2002-03. Further, course of action including the taking up of the scheme prepared by Government of Assam would be chalked out after findings of the model studies by CWPRS, Punefor the whole reach from Hathighuli to Dibrugarh town as well as the effect of the scheme at Hathighuli.